राजभाषा अधिनियम के उपबंधों का कार्यान्वयन

824. **श्री जगदम्बी प्रसाद यादव :** क्या **पर्यावरण और वन** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह पता लगाने के लिए कभी कोई प्रयास किया गया है कि राजभाषा अधिनियम के उपबंधों और हिन्दी के प्रगामी प्रयोग के वार्षिक कार्यक्रम का शत प्रतिशत कार्यान्वयन अभी तक क्यों नहीं किया गया है ;

(ख) राजभाषा कार्यान्वयन समिति के अध्यक्ष और सदस्यों तथा हिन्दी अनुभाग की फाइलों को छोड़कर ऐसी फाइलों की संख्या कितनी है जिनमें राजभाषा में, अर्थात् हिन्दी में काम किया जा रहा है ;

(ग) मंत्रालय के अधीन सरकारी क्षेत्र के कितने उपक्रम काम कर रहे हैं और प्रत्येक उपक्रम में राजभाषा से सम्बन्धित कार्य के बारे में क्या स्थिति है ; और

(घ) मंत्रालय में हिन्दी, अंग्रेजी, और द्विभाषी कम्प्यूटरों, टेलेक्सों, टेलीप्रिंटरों आदि की संख्या कितनी है ?

पर्यावरण और वन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री जैड० आर० अंसारी) : (क) इस सम्बन्ध में निम्नलिखित ढंग से आवधिक मूल्यांकन किया जाता है :

— राजभाषा कार्यान्वयन समिति की बैठक में

— हिन्दी सलाहकार समिति की बैठकों में ; और

— राजभाषा विभाग को भेजी जाने वाली आवधिक रिपोर्टों के जरिए ।

(ख) हिन्दी अनुभाग को छोड़कर अन्य अनुभागों में केवल 32 फाइलें ऐसी हैं जिनमें हिन्दी में काम किया जा रहा है ।

(ग) इस मंत्रालय के अधीन पोर्ट ब्लेयर स्थित अण्डमान और निकोबार वन व बागान विकास निगम लिमिटेड, नामक केवल एक उपक्रम है और यह सरकार के अनुदेशों के अनुसार हिन्दी का प्रयोग कर रहा है ।

(घ) एक कम्प्यूटर, दो टेलेक्स मशीनें और चार टेलीप्रिंटर रोमन लिपि में है ।

Area under Forests

825. SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD:

SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the area under forests at present and how much has been brought under forests under afforestation programme so far;

(b) what has been the extent of deforestation in terms of area during each plan period so far; and

(c) whether forest lovers in different States have recently sent SOS messages to the Prime Minister and the Central Government to help save forests from being denuded; if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) The recorded forest area in the country is approximately 75 million hectares. The total area afforested during the period 1951 to 1987 was 11.47 million hectares.

(b) No survey has been carried out to assess extent of deforestation during each plan period—However, according to studies of satellite imagery by the National Remote Sensing Agency, the loss in forest cover during the period between 1972—75 and 1980—82 was 9.17 million hectares.

(c) The Central Government continue to receive representations from people regarding the need to conserve the forest resources.

The following measures have been taken by the Government to check deforestation:—

1. National Wastelands Development Board set up in 1985 with the object of bringing 5 million hectares of land every year under fuelwood and fodder plantation.

2. Projects for soil, water and tree conservation in the Himalayas (Operation Soilwatch) and other afforestation programmes in operation.

(3) Guidelines issued to the *State Governments:*

(i) to avoid clearfelling of natural forests and where such fellings are inevitable for restoration of crop or other silvicultural considerations, it should be restricted to areas not exceeding 10 hectares in the hills and 25 hectares in the plains.

(ii) to consider the banning of fellings in the hills above 1000 metres, at least for some years.

(iii) to identify critical areas in the hills and mountains which require protection from felling of forests and need immediate vigorous afforestation.

(iv) to set apart 4 per cent of the geographical area as protection areas like wildlife sanctuaries, national parks, biosphere reserves etc.

4. Development of infrastructure and enforcement of legal provisions for the protection of forests.

5. Enactment of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, to check diversion of forest land to non-forest purposes.

6. Development of alternative sources of energy to replace fuelwood in domestic and commercial sectors.

7. Substitution of wood by alternative materials in packaging, railway sleepers and building construction.

8. Liberalised import policy for forest products.

9. Fiscal incentives to industry which lead to wood substitution.

10. Use of preservative treatment stressed to prolong timber life leading to reduction in demand.

11. Control of shifting cultivation.

Water Logging due to Floods

826. PROF. CHANDRESH P. THAKUR: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) what has been the progress towards better Command Area Management in rain-fed regions of the country after the recent flood havoc; and

(b) whether water logging problem has been eliminated and field channels completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) The Centrally Sponsored Command Area Development Programme aims at integrated development in the commands of selected major and medium irrigation projects and presently covers irrigated agriculture in 132 projects all over the country.

(b) Efforts are being made to alleviate the problem of water logging which has not been eliminated so far. Field channels have so far been constructed in more than 50 per cent of the area covered under the programme.

Modernisation of Garments Industry

827. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have considered the need for modernising the garments industry since there is a